

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

The present casting machine and the underlying ~~caterpillar-mould~~caterpillar-~~mold~~ casting method distinguish themselves by the fact that the blocks (4) forming the ~~mould~~mold circulate caterpillar-like around one of the casting caterpillars (2;3) and are subdivided in the lateral direction into individual elements that are held together, ~~said~~the elements, which rest on a transport means, being held on ~~said~~the transport means at least over a part of the circumference of the caterpillar by means of stationary magnets.